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| A blue and white logo  Description automatically generated**University Centre Sparsholt****Higher Education: Assignment/Assessment Feedback Sheet****2024 – 2025** |
| **Course title:** BSc Zoo Biology | **Level:** 6 | **Module title:**M24756 Wild Animal Veterinary Science | **Module co-ordinator:****JEB** |
| **Assessment type and title: Case Study** |
| Launch Date:**29 January 2025** | Due Date:**4 May 2025 23:59** | Work to be returned by w/c: 30 May 2025  | **Independent or group assessment:****Independent** |
| **Learning outcomes assessed:** 1. Identify and critically appraise the specific epidemiology of named emerging infectious diseases that are important at the human wildlife interface.
2. Assess the effects of disease on the vertebrate body, with specific relevance to species of conservation concern
3. Analyse current health treatment, prevention and control protocols of captive wild animals and wildlife
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| **Scenario/Background:** There is a clear link between species health and conservation status for both wild and captive animal populations. Factors such as husbandry, health, welfare and disease can have a dramatic impact on the viability and persistence of animal populations. Conservation medicine is a growing sector of employment for graduates and a fundamental knowledge of current disease threats and how they are being controlled is essential for successful conservation.  |
| **Assessment instructions:** **Assessment: 100% of mark** **Word Limit: 2,000 (+ 10%)**You are required to produce a **2,000 word (+10%)** case study that explores the impacts of a named emerging infectious disease on a chosen vertebrate species, of current conservation concern. Within this case study, you should include the following: * Introduction to the selected species and its conservation status
* Background information on the disease
* Causes
* Effects/clinical signs
* Treatment, prevention and/or control options/strategies
* Conservation impact
* Health treatment for the disease
* Potential policies that could be considered in future to prevent the spread of the disease

Consider the presentation of the case study and make full use of the formatting and presentation options available on Word. Select your focal species carefully to ensure that disease does play a clear role in its conservation and management. Choosing a species which is not impacted by disease or which is not of demonstrable current conservation concern will prevent you from achieving a pass grade in this assessment. You may exceed this word limit by up to 10% without being penalised. If you exceed the word limit by more than 10%, then your grade will be reduced by 10 percentage marks, e.g. a mark of 75% would be reduced to 65%. This assignment must be word-processed and correctly referenced following the APA (7th edition) system, demonstrating use of current research from a variety of sources.This assignment is **electronic hand** **in** and therefore should be submitted **electronically by 23:59 on the hand-in date to the module Ledge page.** Turnitin is embedded into Ledge. If you submit late, please submit to the “late submission” drop box. If you have any issues with assessment submission, please email degrees@sparsholt.ac.uk. Ensure that your submission file type and size is Turnitin compatible, it is recommended you save your work in PDF format before submission. Please ask your lecturer if you have any queries.**This assessment accounts for 100% of the module grade.** |
| **Grading criteria:** The grading for this assignment will follow the categorical marking scheme available on HE 4 U.  |